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COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR THE DELIVERY OF For:

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Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

In response to the Office Action mailed October 23, 2001, Applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as follows.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 40, 56, and 78, amend claims 25, 50, 54, 61, 63, 64, 66, 74, 76 and 80, and add new claim 82 to read as follows:

(Amended four times) A method of enhancing penetration of an antisense nucleic acid 25. across the alimentary canal of an animal comprising administering to said animal the composition of claim 44, wherein said composition enhances penetration of said nucleic acid across the alimentary canal of said animal.